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AND JOINING UNIT

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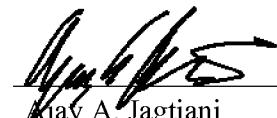
**STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

On July 20, 2006, the above-identified application was filed, claiming the priority date of January 22, 2004, the filing date of Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-014660 and Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-014659. Applicant has not received any further communications from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with respect to the present application.

Therefore, Applicant hereby requests to be informed of the status of the above-identified application.

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